

KEY INDICATORS <u>Children at Risk—State Trends 1990-2000</u> Annie E. Casey Foundation	Trend Data		Percent Change 1990-2000	
	1990	2000	Arizona	National
Percent of children living in poverty	21	23	+5%	-6%
Percent of children living in households without a telephone	14	5	-64%	-50%
Percent of children living in single parent families	24	32	+35%	+29%
Percent of children living in households without a vehicle	6	7	+17%	-33%
Percent of children living in families where no parent has full-time, year-round employment	32	31	-3%	-3%
Percent of children who have difficulty speaking English (ages 5 - 17)	9	9	0%	+20%
Percent of children living with a household head who is a high school dropout	24	24	0%	-11%
Percent of teens who are high school dropouts (ages 16-19)	15	19	+37%	-8%
Percent of children living in low-income working families	23	26	+13%	+16%
Percent of children not attending school and not working	12	14	+17%	-10%
Family Risk Index - 3 or more of these factors make the family high risk: living in family below poverty line; living in single-parent family; living in family where no parent has full-time, year-round employment; living in household where head is high school dropout.	14	15	+7%	-8%

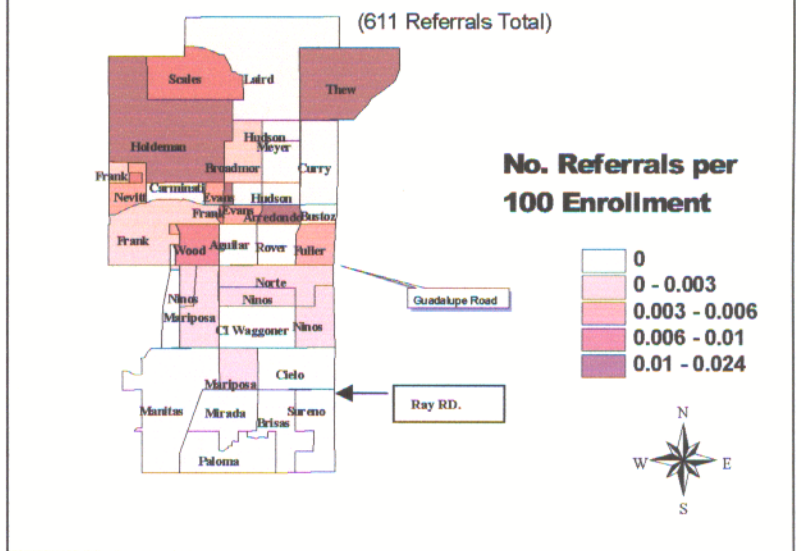
As can be seen, Arizona does not compare favorably on many indicators. Translating the percentages in the above table into numbers of people may give a clearer idea of the scope of the particular problem. For instance, the final item, "Family Risk Index", 15% of the 1,366,947 children (under age 18) living in Arizona in 2000 equals **205,042** children. If that same percentage were to apply to Tempe's 31,481 children, there would be **4,722** children in Tempe in "high risk" families.

Dropout Rates are quite often cited as an indicator of being at-risk. Following are the Tempe Union High School District dropout rates in 1999, shown by school (the overall Arizona dropout rate, grades 9-12, was 8.67% in 1999): (Source: AZ Education Dept.)

Tempe Union High School District School	Dropout Rate – 1999
Tempe High School	7.64%
McClintock High School	5.68%
Marcos de Niza	5.72%
Mountain Pointe	2.46%
Corona High School	1.91%
Desert Vista	0.64%
Compadre (alternative school)	New school – no data yet

Juvenile Court Referrals are one of the more serious indicators of risk for young people. Tempe/Kyrene Communities in Schools has launched the GIS Youth Pilot Program to gather risk data and map it for Tempe area schools. The following map shows one example, mapping the 1998 referrals to the Juvenile Court by Tempe school attendance area. Tempe Elementary schools are north of and Kyrene Elementary schools are south of Guadalupe Road. The southern border of the City of Tempe runs on or near Ray Road. Included in the 611 total referrals were such offenses as violence, grand theft, fighting, drugs, disturbing the peace, petty theft, and "status" offenses (e.g., curfew). The alleged offense may or may not have occurred at the schools.

1998 Juvenile Court Referrals by School



A second example from the CIS Youth GIS Pilot Project is the map on the right showing drug referrals by middle school attendance areas in Tempe Elementary and Kyrene School Districts.

In 2000-2001, The City of Tempe and Tempe Community Council identified *diversity appreciation* and *violence prevention* as a specific current need for youth and made special *Unity Grants* to fund programs addressing those needs for the Spring 2001 semester.

1999 Middle School Drug Referrals

